



September 30, 2005

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Re: Clayton Chemical Site General Notice of Potential Liability letter

Dear Mr. Turner:

Hallmark Cards, Incorporated acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced PRP letter of September 27, 2005. Hallmark is willing to discuss performance and financing of clean-up at the Clayton site. However, at this point, without any specific information about the exact nature of the site, the amount and nature of materials allegedly contributed by Hallmark to the site, and the actions and plans of the large contributors, we are unable to give a definite position on our ultimate participation.

You may direct further contact to my attention at the following address:

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Sincerely,

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Please feel free to contact either the U.S. EPA Enforcement Specialist (Mr. William Ryczek) or the U.S. EPA Staff Attorney (Mr. Tom Turner) with any comments or questions at 312/886-7184 or 312/886-6613, respectively.

Sincerely,

Homas Leshelle

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